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In re Application of

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Title: DATA PROCSSING METHOD

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Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

8. (Amended) A data processing method as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that the calculation sub-step (GRID) of the current size or of the current position of the grid for a current image is effected as a function of preceding sizes or positions of the grid determined for preceding images and as a function of a confidence parameter which represents the evolution of the values of said preceding sizes or positions.

9. (Amended) A computer program product for a television receiver comprising a set of instructions which, when they

are loaded in a circuit of the television receiver, causes this circuit to carry out the data processing method as claimed in one of the claims 1.

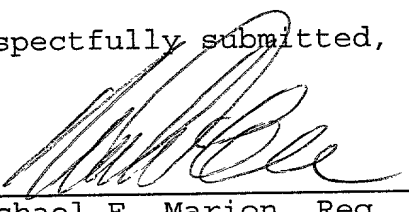
10. (Amended) A computer program product for a decoder comprising a set of instructions which, when they are loaded in a circuit of said decoder, causes said circuit to carry out the data processing method as claimed in claim 1.

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment to claims 8-10 was made solely to avoid filing the claim in the multiple dependant form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights she may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserves her right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

8. (Amended) A data processing method as claimed in claim 6 ~~or 7~~, characterized in that the calculation sub-step (GRID) of the current size or of the current position of the grid for a current image is effected as a function of preceding sizes or positions of the grid determined for preceding images and as a function of a confidence parameter which represents the evolution of the values of said preceding sizes or positions.

9. (Amended) A computer program product for a television receiver comprising a set of instructions which, when they are loaded in a circuit of the television receiver, causes this circuit to carry out the data processing method as claimed in one of the claims 1 ~~to 8~~.

10. (Amended) A computer program product for a decoder comprising a set of instructions which, when they are loaded in a circuit of said decoder, causes said circuit to carry out the data processing method as claimed in ~~one of the~~ claims 1 ~~to 5~~.